Proposal to amend Law and Procedure regarding crimes against women

175. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite modifications in the penal law and procedure, including mode of trial of cases involving crime against women, the number of cases of rapes, kidnapping, molestation and murder of women in the National Capital and other States have been on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of such cases in Delhi and other States during April-September, 2002 and the preceding three half year period; and

(c) whether any further amendments and modifications are proposed to be made to make the law and procedure more effective in favour of the weaker sex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAM I): (a) and (b) As per the information received from National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) the number of cirmes committed against women in Delhi and other States during the three half year periods (April to September) are as follows:

	All States/UTs	Delhi
1. April to September, 1999	35,698	1074
2 April to September, 2000	38,307	1149
3. April to September, 2001	36,562	1069

The crime figures for April to September, 2002 have not yet been received.

(c)The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill-1994 introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 9th May, 1994 has, *inter alia,* the following proposals in respect of women:

(i) A new sub-section (4) is proposed to be added to section 46 to prohibit arrest of a woman after sunset and before sunrise except in unavoidable circumstances.

(ii) Section 176 is proposed to be amended to provide, *inter alia,* that in case of rape of a woman while in custody of the police, there shall be mandatory judicial inquiry.

The Government has also set up a Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. (Justice) V. S. Malimath, former Chief Justice of Kerala and Karnataka High Courts to consider measures to revamp Criminal Justice System of the country. The Committee has the mandate to review the code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Violence caused by ULFA and NDFB militants in Assam

176. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased ot state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of violence caused by ULFA and National Democratic Front of Bodoland militants in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Assam Government has asked for more companies of Central forces to tackle the problems of insurgency in Assam; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) According to available reports, violence profile of United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) and National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) during the last three years is as under:—

Year	I JLFA			NDFB		
	No. of incidents	No. of civilians killed	No. of security forces killed	No. of incidents	No. of civilians killed	No. of security forces killed
2000	266	145	34	183	183	23
2001	164	59	34	209	130	21
2002 (upto to 31.10.02)	144	16	09	149	124	07 a